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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 8, 2008. Applicants request an extension of time of three months. Accordingly, a response is now due on June 8, 2009, and this submission is, therefore, timely.

Accordingly, Applicants submit a Petition for an Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) of three months and the required \$555.00 small entity extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1). Applicants believe that no additional fees are required for submission of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

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